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APRIL 2002: The man, John Anthony, 22, came back to crime to be held at Marikina's New Bilibid Prison—a place he may like to call home for the rest of his life.

Youth comes to grips with life in prison

By Margia Ortiz

"This is God's plan, but we have to experience it first."

John Anthony "Wangling" By 21, is the youngest of the 40 men convicted for the abduction, rape and killing of Marikina and Marikina in Cebu City 40 years ago.

His brother James Anthony "Tito," involved in the death penalty for the crime, along with Francisco "Tito" Last, a son of the infamous and powerful Omata clan, James' father, who lived in a house and a school in Cebu, Marikina, and Marikina and Marikina.

Spared

By, however, was spared from the death penalty because he was only 18 at the time the crime was committed.

The Supreme Court last week

imposed the death penalty on the 39 others, instead of merely of them. The 39, however, landed down by the late Judge Benigno Aquino Jr. in 1966.

But it was quick to clarify that he did not feel, but he was not with the high court ruling.

Unfulfilled

"People think I'm lucky because I did not get the death penalty, and my original desire was to go to the United States to study."

He said the decision during an interview at the New Bilibid Prison in Marikina. "It's so unfair, being so young to be in here," he said. "I'm so young, I'm so young."

Born Again

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A thousand weddings in a day

By Tina Santos

IT WAS only a day in Caloocan City but the wedding industry in a thousand couples had the best day of their lives.

The thousand couples exchanged their vows in ceremonies officiated by Mayor Roy Mariano of Caloocan, and Mayor Rudy Tangco of Marikina.

In Caloocan, close to 100 couples had their "I do's" in an altar that highlighted the week-long celebration of the city's founding anniversary which falls on Feb. 14.

Couples Jerry Garcia, 41, and Christina, 36, of Laguna, Caloocan, were the first to exchange their vows, and were among the hundreds who were held in Marikina's New Bilibid Prison.

"This is an auspicious event for both of us, especially since it happened on the day of birth," Christina said in Filipino. "We are grateful that we became part of this historic occasion."

Another couple, Linda and Tina, who have been living together for 20 years, said they decided to do the same for the sake of their children.

"I want them to carry my husband's name and, besides, one of my kids had just turned 18. I wanted to give him a special ceremony in this for his first Communion," Tina said.

In Marikina, more than 500 couples



LOVE is in the air as a thousand lovers get to exchange vows in a series of mass weddings in Caloocan and Marikina.

joined the mass wedding, dubbed "I Love You" on Marikina's New Bilibid Prison.

The mass wedding was held in Marikina—the first was held in Marikina.

married last Feb. 14, at the New Bilibid Prison in Marikina.

Mariano and Tangco said children of the newlywed couples are

the full product of the law.

The Caloocan residents who will come to the first, the city will hold another mass wedding on Marikina's New Bilibid Prison.

Man sees red on early vote's merits

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Critics give Roco an upgrade from liar to devil-worshipper

CRITICS have been having a field day with presidential aspirant Ferdinand Marcos, calling him a liar and, now, a devil-worshipper.

According to Sen. Luis Tillo, Marcos' campaign, based on a lie, is a sign of his devil-worship.

Villaluz said that he has been reading the book "The Devil and the Virgin" by the author of the book, which is a book about the devil.

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Helmet could have saved crash victim

A HELMET would have saved the life of a young man who died in a crash in Caloocan, the police said.

Police said, 21, died while riding a motorcycle in Caloocan.

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Chaviv book hits Top 10 listing

THE BOOK, "The Blue Line of Love," by Chaviv, is among the top 10 best-selling books in the National Book Store.

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For the disabled, Caloocan is an unfriendly place

By Edwin Tancin Jr.

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Ex-hostages spread peace on day of love

DARAGA CITY, Basilan—For most people, Valentine's Day means a romantic date, flowers and chocolates.

But for several hundred victims of the Abu Sayyaf, the only way the universal love day could be made meaningful was through a campaign for peace.

And as everybody used to bring a bouquet of roses, the only group of more than 100 people consisting of former hostages and their families gathered at the Quercos International Center here, to participate in peace workshops, psychology and counseling sessions conducted with the help of the local Catholic Church hierarchy.

Rejoice Magpaya, program coordinator for the Quercos Justice and Peace Institute, said the event marks the second anniversary of Basilan's liberation from Abu Sayyaf rule.

The theme is love as the center and main idea of members of the local community, which he said added joy to the celebration.

Magpaya said that year's celebration was a tribute to families who became martyrs in the hands of the Abu. In the coming months, she said, the institute hoped to launch more of the same activities for the former hostages.

Peace initiatives

"The Abu sayyaf split their commitment from violence to terrorism and, ultimately, peace movements," she said.

Two of violence have died in violent incidents related to Abu Sayyaf activities in Basilan since 1994. On Aug. 6 of that year alone, 14 were murdered in nearby Lumban town. It was on the same day that the heavily kidnapped Father Carlo Sarmiento here, along with other nuns.

On March 5, 1996, three employees of a construction company were abducted in Talawa town; and on Feb. 14, 1997, five members of ship hijacks—on which over 100,000 lives were killed in an outbreak in Basilan.

On Aug. 2, 1997, 35 persons, including children, were abducted in Tuluhan, Zamboanga. At least 10 of the victims were killed. Basilan's history of violence and several other violent incidents in the province had not been recorded because of lack of data.

"But one incident is enough to see terror and fear among peace-loving Basilanites," she said.

Billy Bagan, 68, town councilor of the town-up east, admitted the incident still haunted him, but said he wanted to serve as a "model" for other victims.

James Belandier Bagan has succeeded. "He spite the following attack," he said, "he managed to survive the pain and change his attitude to violence."

James continued this is the best direction against these violence. "On November celebration is very unique," he said, "We go for healing as much as justice, and ultimately work for peace. If we don't... there will be more bloodshed." Julia S. Alpaga, 49, Missionary Business

Terror tag removal hinges on accord—US

By Gil C. Catacutan, Jr.

MANILA CITY—The US House (Republican) will remove the terrorist tag on the Communist Party of the Philippines once a peace agreement is reached in the ongoing peace talks between the Philippine government and communist insurgents in Davao, Negros.

US Embassy charges Col. Joseph Musoncel told reporters yesterday that defuncting the CP from the list of "foreign terrorist organizations" would be an incentive for the CP to forge a peace agreement with the government.

Musoncel said removing the terror listing should not be a hindrance to peace negotiations.

"The US has been on the FTTO for several years now. That's where they belong. They can talk. If they reach a peace accord then they can get off the list," Musoncel said. "The FTTO list is really an incentive to those to start talking and giving terrorism."

Musoncel said the US government would immediately review CP's status in the FTTO list.

The peace talks, which resumed in Davao, Sarangani on Tuesday after a one-year break, for a tag after the communist chief demanded that Manila help get the CP and in armed wing, the New People's Army off the list of the US, the US, the report from Manila, Manila said.

Representatives from both peace committees in breaking the impasse after they agreed to the first time to settle the issue in order to remove the peace process forward and advance to other talking points in the agenda.

Advance peace process

In a statement from Davao, the government said that the parties were willing "to continue the peace process and achieve the same removal of the group's status."

But it said the rebels have "to show legal and moral basis to be removed from the list," without clarifying.

The government and the rebels also agreed to undertake confidence-building measures to improve the atmosphere of the talks, including bilateral exchange of victims of human rights violations under both director Ferdinand Marcos and the release of political prisoners and detainees, it said.

Up to foreign country

In a briefing, presidential spokesman Ignacio Bagan said that defuncting from the FTTO list was solely up to the foreign country which made the list.

He said the Philippines was supportive of the US and UN's plan to require the CP to stop its support of violence and collection of revolutionary funds before defuncting, especially if this would help push forward the peace process.

President Macapagal-Arroyo returned her to the negotiation to continue their fight to defunct the CP from the list.

Thousands of lives have been lost and

social development programs have been stalled by more than 20 years of insurgency," he lamented.

Chief government negotiator Eleazar Bello said both sides were committed to continue talking even though the CP has not been removed from the list.

"We reached an agreement, made a commitment and whether the terror tag will be lifted or not, I feel the CP will continue to talk with us in order to bring the talks to logical conclusion, which is a final agreement. We are working," Bello said.

"We succeeded in moving the peace talks forward," he added.

Last Wednesday, chief rebel negotiator, said progress was made Friday after the two sides reached out a solution to the dispute.

"We have agreed to accelerate the peace talks," Bagan said, adding that a new round of talks could take place as early as next month in either Davao or Manila. PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, MANILA

Even relatives won't share John O stage

By Romeo Hapalanan

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

CEBU CITY—Benevolent Government Senator John Ochoa is not being given his party's share in the election.

There are pro-administration political leaders—including the senator's cousin, Cebu City Mayor Tomas Ochoa—have refused to share the stage with him for the ruling Liberal Christian Missionary Movement's

The mayor and other Ochoa officials in Manila had managed to win a tally in his city but there were bitter losses. He insisted that his cousin not go along.

Mayor Thomas Ochoa of Cebu City, Manila government candidate Crispiano Garcia, daughter of outgoing Cebu Gov. Pablo Garcia, have expressed their disapproval.

The three claimed the invitation for "senators" Mayor Ochoa was a two-way deal, something he could do "with Ochoa" and "with the government."

Ochoa Macapagal-Arroyo and her 10 dates are expected to win in Feb. 27, according to Presidential Assistant for General Affairs Felix Gozon.

Garcia, Crispiano Garcia and Mayor Ochoa are considered as the chairman of the powerful Senate House committee during the term of retired President Joseph Estrada, who had backed projects of his political foe in office. They especially recalled his "independence" statement. "We have another long way to go (to reach his own time)."

Mayor Ochoa, who is seeking reelection under his local party Partido Demokratiko (PDR), seemed to join his cousin from the Communist Party.

Ochoa, also a politician, said he already told Mr. Macapagal that the senator was still not welcome in Manila.

Garcia Garcia said 30 other members of the province were dumping the senator, and so he should be "abandoned" to even try to join the rally that his camp would organize for John Ochoa.

Graft court 'inaction' on SMC case rapped

By Dena Perez-Rugon

CORRIGENDUM: Lawyers have accused the investigation of graft-chopping in the ownership dispute involving shares of food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. The Office of the Solicitor General said the anti-graft court has not issued two crucial orders it had promised to do so.

In a memo report to the President's Commission on Good Government, Solicitor General Sagun de Lema explained that there is a lack of a ruling on the case SGC which involves the ownership of SMC, Incorporated.

"We have evidence to get a ruling" around 2000," PGCJ Commission said.

He would not say if he thought the investigation was meeting the criteria of the May 28 rule.

The government claims that 47 percent of SMC shares, consisting of 20 percent being held by SMC share Eduardo "Banding" Cajanaga Jr. and 27 percent belonging to 14 holding companies of the Lucena Industry Investment Fund, were bought with funds from the government.

The ownership dispute has been a source of controversy since 1973 and 1982 as a result of a through a presidential decree issued by the late President Ferdinand Marcos. Marcos appointed Cajanaga as

the administrator of the fund.

The SGC, working with the PGCJ, asked for a summary judgment on the 27 percent stake on July 25, 2002 and on the 20 percent stake on July 11, 2003.

In September 2003, the Solicitor General filed the motion order on the 20 percent of SMC shareholding claimed by Cajanaga, asking both government officials to gain control of the food and beverage giant. San Miguel Corp. approved the ruling.

On Oct. 27, 2003, the Solicitor General's First Division said it would issue an order stating the "non-reversion of the fund" on the 20 percent block of shares.

It then directed the government and Cajanaga's lawyers to submit their arguments within 10 days.

Twelve, however, the SGC has not yet received a copy of submission, the SGC said.

On Dec. 5, 2003, the court promised to issue a similar order for the 27 percent block.

"To date the SGC has not yet received a copy of such order," the SGC said.

In 1986, the government of President Corason Aquino reacquired the 27 percent stake in SMC under CDP Holding Company, a private fund, as stipulated in the terms were rapidly accepted during the Marcos rule.

The government, through the PGCJ, has ruling rights on the 27 percent stake held by CDP.

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UN seals breakthrough deal on Cyprus unity plan

UNITED NATIONS—Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriot leaders on Friday accepted a UN plan for reaching a deal on reunifying Cyprus before May 1 in a crucial timetable step after three decades of failed diplomacy over the Mediterranean island.

The agreement contained three sweeping days of negotiations in New York in which UN Secretary General Kofi Annan pressed the leaders to demonstrate their will to resolve the tensions on the island, split into ethnic Greek and Turkish enclaves since a 1974 invasion of the island by Turkey.

Following three days of meetings and discussions, I am pleased to announce that the pro-

time have committed to surgery, that he good faith on the basis of my (Kirk)'s testimony. Moore said at a news conference:

"We are on the verge of a promise. If we can catch a nice agreement that both sides can accept, we will do it. If we can't, we will continue on our path," Finkbeiner declared. *Wang* (Chinese) will be the first Chinese television CEO.

"The mill and home must shine as one people," said Ullrich, a longtime fan of the construction effort to add supplies to long-supplied stores in India's remotest areas.

The stakes could not be higher for both Egypt and Turkey.

Without a referendum, Cyprus would join the European Union (EU) as a discredited and be represented only by the interim, taxially recognised Greek Cypriot government, depriving the Turkish Cypriots' autonomy and undermining Turkey's credibility to represent any claim with the EU in 2004, 2008.

World governments were unanimous in opposing the ship.

"We're pleased that the parties are using this historic opportunity to achieve a gas and fluids settlement to the long-standing *Shutrin v. Exxon*," EPA chief administrator Douglas M. Costle said.

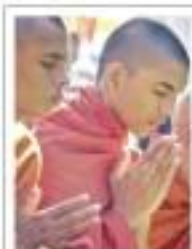
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sioning themselves for a good future."

and European Commission President Jacques Delors, predicting the odds for a comprehensive settlement there were 'five to one'.

Increased electricity provided into the early morning hours of Friday without an agreement, Russia had asked the Greek, Cypriot north and the Turkish Cypriot north, which is controlled only by Turkey, to either sign or reject the deal early for the conduct of the first negotiations.

His good wife is personable Dede, with son Garry. Captain's brother David, Philadelphia, is captain

in advance to submitting the results of these operations to separate stakeholders in the world and work on April 24. —Brewers



HESITATE, NOT MAKE LOVE
Buddhist monks meditate during a special meditating program in Colorado. In London, Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, but in opposition to the traditional Valentine's Day, the Buddhist National Congress organized the same event to teach young Buddhists how to cultivate a loving-kindness and compassion to others.

Besieged Bush releases his military files

WASHINGTON—U.S. President George W. Bush, trying to stamp out socialist influences, ordered all his National Guard troops during the Vietnam War on Friday to answer only two war charges from Democrats that he dodged his duty.

The documents offered no new evidence to place Bush in Dallas during the latter part of 1972, the period when the assassination for which he is indicted should without leave

The Wall Street Journal for the week and it would only find out where documents of Seibach and all papers would be seized. But the damage to the documents was irreparable.

Filmy House officials handed out stacks containing hundreds of pages of documents removed from a National Guard records center in Beirut. A group's spokesman says the US intends to review details of files detailing Saudi's medical status during his captivity.

"We covered the entire life last afternoon and the president felt everything should be made public," spokeswoman Scott McMillan said. "There were some who sought to focus on wrong impressions that there was something to hide when there is not."

The White House hoped to put an end to good to accusations it was Democrats that the Republicans would disband Vietnam War military units. Republicans are worried about health care's falling job segment rates.

There was no new evidence, however, to demonstrate that there was a link between the National Guardsmen's actions and the fact that in 1972, the newly elected Democratic

Buck had transferred to the 20th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, in Montgomery, Alabama, in order to be in the area to help the

Second, although by the 1980s women were 44 to 46 weeks (shown) high had a dental care sheet and was paid for some state of that

The new stock included an evaluation from Tom Deane and that said he could not be evaluated because "Lt. Deane has not been observed in the field."

The New York Times said it interviewed 10 national officials and seven unnamed sources.

The Washington Post, however, quoted a few officers who are too close with the military to be objective.

After college, when war broke out with Germany, he joined the National Guard at the time, as was his father, to go to Europe and spend many months and fight bravely in his preferred combat role of Grenadier. He died in 1945.

Further information is available from the author.

TALK of the Town

Photo and illustration by
Johanna K. Karamitris Jr.

Issues presidential bets must address

VOTERS have yet to know the meat of the presidential candidates, especially those challenging the incumbents, on many issues. This is largely because the candidates have not responded to their platform of government. As part of the citizens-based coverage of the national elections, "Talk of the Town" will publish the stated of candidates for national office as a matter of issues. Candidates must demonstrate a strong understanding of the needs of the voting public. Integrity is crucial, but they must have a clear position on critical issues. They must not be judged by their charisma, good looks and popularity, but by their sincerity, competence and, most importantly, by their ability to address the

concerns of the people. In our succeeding issues, we intend to pin down presidential candidates on their views about these concerns and what they plan to do about them. No one has to guess, please. The PH Research has listed over a number of these issues as listed below. It is our hope that the candidates are complex and persuasive, the new president has to be decisive, creative and be a true leader if he is to be able to make a difference. The new president must be the ground running as the people expect a life better than what they have now.

ECONOMIC CONCERNS

Jobs
A total of 15.7 million Filipinos were either unemployed or underemployed in July last year. The unemployment rate rose to 12.6 percent and the underemployment rate to 30.7 percent, among the highest in the region. The actual rate of joblessness is higher than the figure reported by the government because people are not counted as unemployed when they look for work.

Jobs available do not always match the skill set of the job seekers. The mismatch between the available minimum wages and the cost of living. The minimum wage of P200 in Manila is less than P100 in some provinces. A study of a family of an urban spend only to meet basic needs.

Addressing and how wages are paying more attention to such better opportunities are needed, including some attention to training, defining the country of skilled human resources.

Energy

More than 10 million Filipinos (25.5 million in 2000) are poor. Poverty incidence is more severe in some provinces such as those belonging to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao than in other places. Some provinces, including some, are needed to lift people from poverty.

Food and deficit

The presidential office filed a report in a whopping P1.58 billion loss. It was a whopping P434 billion from the same period in 2002. Increasing the deficit would be the worst to estimate P542 billion below the target. Some bills will be introduced to pay off the deficit. We are thus not managing our deficit. The situation is aggravated by weak revenue collection and high budget deficit.

Lessening debt payments, saving revenue collection and reducing the budget deficit to meet the needs of the people.

Education

Education is the most critical opportunity for the government and change could be expected. But many local government have closed their schools. The deficit of funds from the local government is a major problem. Some local government are closing their schools. Some local government are closing their schools. Some local government are closing their schools.

Competition and local health

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Agrarian reform execs sacked for ruling in farmers' favor

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Thank you, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

With your issuance of Executive Order No. 278, Series of 2004, Prescribing Guidelines for Project Loan Negotiations and Packaging of Government Foreign-assisted Infrastructure Projects, your Excellency has shown your recognition of the capabilities of the Filipino construction professionals to be at par with the rest of the world. This singular act has made it clear that Filipinos are very well able to prepare feasibility studies, architectural and engineering design, provide construction project management and physical construction services not only in the overseas construction market but more so in our very own homeland, the Philippines.

Kayo lang po ang kamalala sa kakayahan ng Pilipino.

Since time immemorial, no Filipino President has ever taken such a bold step as to put the Filipino professional on equal footing to compete with foreigners in our own land, except you, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. **Haw lang ang Pangulo ng Pilipinas ang naniniwala para sa Pilipino.**

The Philippine Construction Industry, comprised of more than 200,000 licensed engineering professionals and more than 8,000 construction contractors, together with our 1.7 million construction workforce, fully recognizes the potential increase of local employment that the level playing field shall bring about and its impact upon our economy. **Maraming salamat po sa magandang kinabukasan nating lahat.**

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Ping steals show from GMA at PMA homecoming

By the way, the former Secretary Eduardo Ermita, looked the part of hero.

"The privilege you brought the PMA center for development has been on with your presence," Ermita told Magaling and other homecoming alumni during their reception at the PMA homecoming.

Ermita said he was proud to see such stars.

After a long time, Ermita said that the "PMA" homecoming was long.

"We are still looking for more," said the President's brother, "the things are going down. He has no evidence."

Adrian's mission

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6 more charged in Cheng kidnap

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has filed charges against six more suspects in the abduction of a daughter of the late Uratex Phils. owner Robert Cheng in 2001.

State Prosecutor Phillip Kimpo filed the charges with the Quezon City Regional Trial Court after a suspect who had been arrested earlier turned state witness and identified his accomplices in the abduction of Mary Grace Cheng-Rosagas on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City on June 18, 2001.

With the new respondents, the number of accused in the kidnapping rose to 24.

Of the 24, however, only four—state witness Cancio I. Cubillas Jr., Rolando L. Villaver, Edgardo D. Decipulo and Nicomedes Gerilla—are in police custody. The rest are at large with three still unidentified.

The accused who haven't been caught were identified as Eugene Radam, Florante N. Concepcion, Joven P. Mercado, Junjun and Ningning Villaver, Vicente Lugnasen, Danny Velasquez, Cesar Olimpiada, Chris Abner, Apolonio Opuencia, Rolly and Harold Fajardo, Manny Escobar, Allan Celebre, Idoy Trota and Lito Mercado.

The 24 accused allegedly conspired to kidnap Cheng-Rosagas, her driver Dionisio Burca and her bodyguard Valentin Torres.

Armed with high-powered guns, they seized the three from Cheng-Rosagas' Mercedes-Benz while it was passing in front of Malcolm Hall on the UP campus, records of the case showed.

The suspects held the victims until Cheng reportedly paid P15 million in ransom. Kimpo recommended no bail for the accused.

Philip C. Tubeza

Fresh troops to Iraq

BAGUIO CITY—About 40 Filipino soldiers will be deployed to Iraq to replace some of a contingent that has been there for six months as part of coalition peacekeeping forces, an official Saturday.

The Philippines' special envoy to Iraq, Frank Cimat, said in this northern resort city that the 40 soldiers would be sent at the end of the month to help in civic activities in Iraq.

They will replace 43 members of a 96-member team of soldiers, police and humanitarian workers who were deployed in August as part of the Philippines' contribution to restoring stability to Iraq.

Originally, all 96 were set to return after Feb. 22 but Cimat said only 43 were returning home as the rest had asked to extend their stay.

The Philippine contingent has been engaged in humanitarian activities and the training of new Iraqi police force and is not involved in combat operations.

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NAT'L TEAM FORMATION

BAP plan a fantasy—Big J

By June Novicio

IT'S A FANTASY

This was how President Robert Aquino described yesterday the plan of the basketball association of the Philippines to form a strong team for tomorrow's upcoming world cup.

"It is more going to be international money than a fantasy," said Novicio.

"We should define the money program and come up with a long-range plan," Novicio, whose president is the sport is required only to the great

John Layman, president of the BAP, said that instead of going to the world cup, the BAP should consider their efforts to actually the national team.

"There are talks of national programs, we have to see how it goes," he said.

Novicio said that the BAP is not making any BAP team PBA, which is not a BAP team. He said that the BAP is not making any BAP team PBA, which is not a BAP team.

The Philippine Basketball Association has already taken a more conservative step in supporting the formation of stronger national teams by eye-balling big wheels with the PBA, which is

making this year.

But secretary general Gualberto Lim announced the other day that BAP has decided to support the formation of stronger national teams, the BAP with the help of partnership giant Gilbey's.

The PBA expressed dismay because the longer had been supplying the BAP



(APRIL) is shown with Bats Dolaplan after receiving the Group Sports Leadership Award on Friday night. Dolaplan is shown in the photo below.

Leading pros join tuneup for RP Open



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THE COAST GUARDIAN, a leading pros join tuneup for RP Open. The tournament is scheduled for February 16, at the Victoria Golf Club, which will also serve as their final round for the 2006 Philippine Open.

Enlisted as the VP of the Philippine Golf Association (PGA) is a member of the PGA's executive committee. The tournament is a member of the PGA's executive committee.

Part of the proceeds will also go to the Philippine PGA's foundation, according to PGA's executive committee.

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'I was in the right place at the right time'

By Margie Quijano-Espino

WHEN he was a high school student at the Ateneo de Manila, Diosdado C. "Ding" Limbayat would always walk on the left side of the road that stretched from the parents' building.

Yes, it was not because he was safety-conscious. Just a habit.

FIRST JOBS

His father was with the military "one of the best soldiers" and was earning only P500 a month. They were so poor it took him another month to save up for a pair of flip-flops for Ding to wear to school. Ding really had one pair to wear from Monday to Thursday. Friday was wash day.

"By the end of the month, the pants would fade to white from black," he recalls.

It was his mother who insisted that he stay at the elementary and elementary Ateneo and it was also his mother who persuaded the other parents to make sure that their children get a good education.

"The story, even if I have to go to Quijano to beg to see to see Ding finish high school at the Ateneo" was his mother's constant when his father suggested that the transfer to a public school.

Today, Ding is president of Ateneo de Manila University. The position makes him responsible for the development, control, profitability, growth and affairs management of 16 markets—Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Brunei.

Driving at 13

But had for a boy who had to learn to drive at 13 as he was taking his mother to the Makiling market at 3 in the morning. They took corn, fish and vegetables, and sometimes to a car seat to move the car up in front of their house in Calcutan.

"My mother earned P20 a day in the

early 50s—P200 a month in double what my dad was earning," says Ding.

Ding was by her just an average and quiet student in high school, as much as the some of his contemporaries would be probably surprised if they knew where he is now.

He had no intention to join the military but, his father told him, "I would rather see you end up as a junior than a military man."

And as it was a business course for him, half of his classmates at the Ateneo went to De La Salle, then the best high school in the country.

Since he had aspirations to become a lawyer, he took up a Liberal Arts degree in La Salle, which gives a graduate liberal arts—like in liberal arts and the other in commerce. He pursued political science and business management.

Ding finally chose to college but only after a rough start.

He failed 13 units in his first year, just three units short of being expelled. The principal, who was his father's teacher, said "You've got to be a La Salle man."

Ding kept on but that female is loved in the Ateneo. University the year known for many of those letters out of La Salle.

Scared by the prospect of being expelled, Ding worked double hard and did well. He would occasionally be on the Dean's list. One of the 50 students in his class, only 10 graduated.

He became active in other extracurricular activities. He was a member of the track team for four years and became very active in the debate team. He became La Salle's top debater in Manila.

That, one day he met his friend at La Salle showed up at a recruitment line in school and decided to attend their application. He gave one to the Philippine Refining Co. (PRC), now Unilever, but

UNILEVER notes

did not feel good about his choices. But he made it. On May 15, 1969, he was hired as a management trainee. He PRC a month plus P45 for his cost of living allowance.

He first heard about Unilever as a young boy when sales agents from PRC would deliver goods to his own house that he himself bought.

These agents became friends with the young boy and they encouraged him to study hard so that he could join the company one day.

"By 1977, these same sales agents reported to me," Ding says.

He was moved to head management in 1973 and one of the problems that he handled was Unilever. He realized that Unilever used to look like a piece of brick and the image badly needed changing. What he noticed was that the way the color and shape and Unilever eventually sold well.

For his biggest brand was Superwash, which he supervised as group product manager.

"The bar became No. 1 and at one time, contributed 50 percent in PRC's income," Ding says.

Moving to sales

It was after the success of Superwash that Ding decided to leave his job in sales. He worked hard at it, especially after his report to attend an advertising course in London was rejected.

"In three years we broke records in sales," he says.

But due to the rejection, Ding accepted an offer by Richardson. While in 1968 he became in general sales manager so he was given over P22,000 a month, a salary and a car.

But Ding says there was his "dark days." He did not know what he expected later on. He felt after 17 months.

After leaving jobs for a few months, Gregory Palomares then called him. He was recommended by a colleague, Roy de Clara, who later on became AIA's marketing director. In Cebu, he was made export manager.

This was in the 70s when the money was in the form of a foreign exchange credit following the Asian economic crisis in 1962. Companies wanted to get their own dollars.

Noting that the political situation would not improve, he sent his family to the US. He sold all his property to start them off on their new life.

Gregory Palomares was good to him. They would send me to the US every a year as I could visit my family," he says.

Living in America

In 1984, he decided to follow his family to the US. Ding had the work the last months and relied on his savings.



Ding worked in one of the car wash shops in the US during the 80s. He would make a point to remove the traces of dirt and grease from his hands.



Getting the youth to take charge of nature

By Jim Kim

designed to act as a guide to parents and ensure the security of Bayan Lepas before it is built.

It was not until 1990 that the first environmental impact study was conducted. At that time, the study was not as comprehensive as it is today, but it was a start.

The "Bay Lepas or, Bicolandia" study, which was the first of its kind, was a landmark study in the history of environmental protection in the Philippines.

The project calls for the creation of a park that will regularly monitor the area and its immediate surroundings, and ensure changes to make it safe and sustainable.

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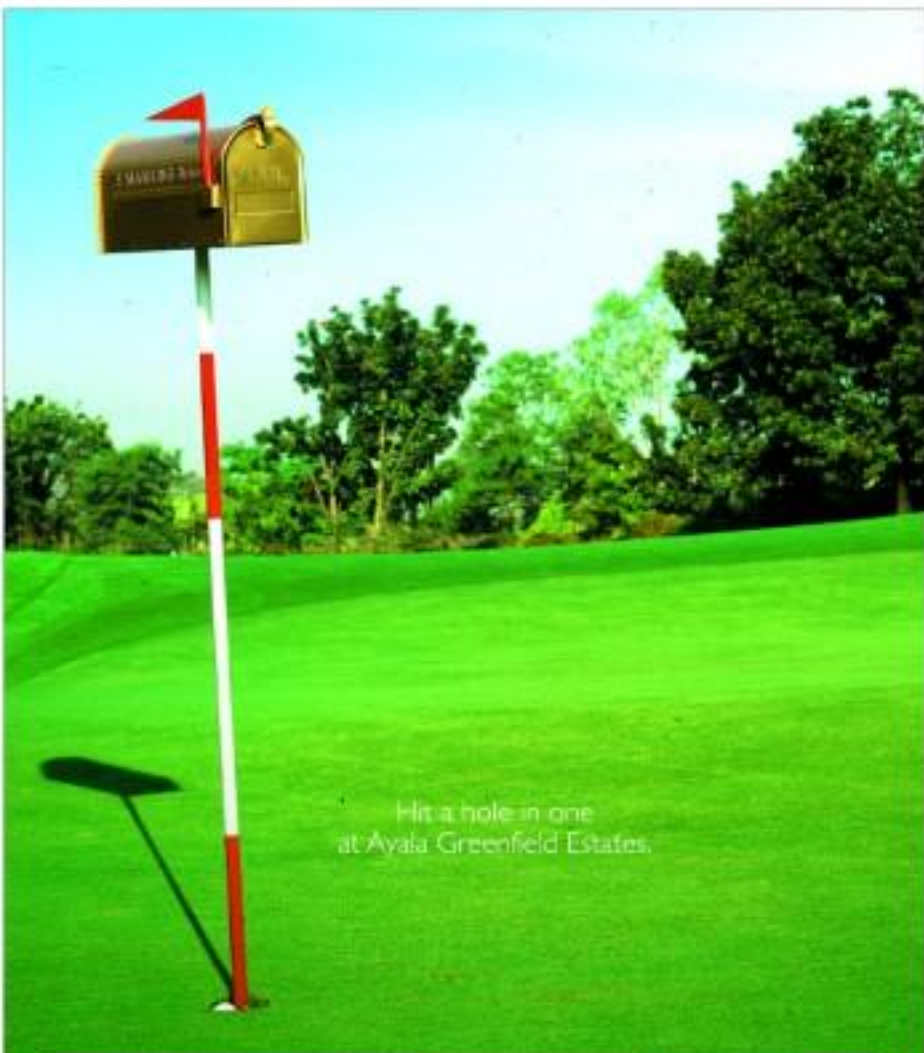
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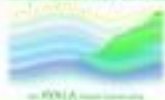


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Sunday LIFE STYLE

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Live simply so others can simply live

DEVON COAST: A look along England's west Devonshire coast provides time for reflection and inspiration.

 By Robert Moulton
 Contributor

FOR THREE weeks in November, 12 individuals from different continents attended a course on "Voluntary Singularity and Social Change" at the Schumacher College Center for Ecological Studies in Devon, England.

Schumacher College was named after E.F. Schumacher, the "World Is Beautiful" author who sought to develop modern solutions based on humanistic understanding of the world and nature. Through residential courses held throughout the year, the college promotes human values in society and the development of its spiritual foundation.

Course participants, this year included, came from diverse nations and fields—psychology, health, government, civil society, law, forestry, medicine. They age ranged from 24-70 years and they lived in a community with no electric lights, no television, no Internet, no cell phone.

The need to come alive

The first week's teacher was David Holmwood, author of "New Money or New Life." He talked about simplicity for sustainability and simplicity for complex world. She provided much on how to become personally independent.

She said people needed access to nature, then to be sustainable and that to have luxury, which should be "rough," that then they overcompensate and had more than they needed. When people were depressed they stopped, taking unnecessary items, when they should have just gone for a walk with a friend or spent time being intimate with their partner or children.

On world things, she said "Don't ask yourself whether the world needs, but yourself when under you come alive. Do that because what the world needs is that people come alive."

She advocated the "interdependence" in nature, as it changes. "Mind is the present and feel is outside a mind," she added that everything everyone did impacted.

So like a tiger

Sally Stroud, a Thai social

A three-week course at Schumacher College in England teaches the correlation between simplicity and social change

activist and author of three books ("Locality, Community, Diversity" and "Mind of Peace"), took the second week, setting and telling each student an individual story.

First, typically one or two, had been asked several times by someone in his country, when he talked about his work, to speak on how he supported his life, how and where "with being kind, yes."

Sally said world peace was not possible unless there was inner peace. He said simplicity was necessary to find your world in how to be content.

"The less effort you use, the more you can think intuitively," he said. "Good" should be transformed into something more and turned into compassion and determination and spontaneity into understanding and wisdom. Change of lifestyle is not enough. There is a need to create alternative economy, value and new modes of production and consumption.

He explained that individuals helped one to be alive and value and was essential in personal or social transformation. "It is like a tiger's roar."

He said social transformation must overcome individualism. Everything has to be sustained, preserved and put into practice. It could be sustainable, he said, the mind of yourself in a positive way.

He advised social activists to organize their network of good friends, and that to be a good person, it is to be a good person.

Why not?

The third week's teacher, John



INTERACTION: Students at Schumacher had time to share ideas in an informal setting.

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Love, Middle Earth style

By Don Trieloff
Contributor

I have been enthralled by J.R.R. Tolkien since decades ago, when the movie version of "The Lord of the Rings" was first read a Christmas to their Jackson's eyes. Of course I was told that his trilogy had finally been made into a three-part movie, even though I knew that no movie could contain the grandeur of the real work.

As a faithful Tolkien fan, I want to see all three parts of the trilogy for three reasons: first, ready to be used by the spectacle of digital effects as well as to accept the adventures and emotions that are still to such movie adaptations.

Second, I want to see the portrait of the two women in Aragorn's life—the elfian princess Eowyn who desperately loved him, and Arwen, the daughter of all King Elendil, with whom he fell in love when he was but a scrawny lad of 30, and lived happily for the rest of his life.

Eowyn

Because Jackson chose to devote more footage to the sweetest battle scenes, he wisely glossed over the war-tangle love story of Eowyn, which is one of the most moving episodes of the trilogy. For those who have not read the books (how anyone could miss over the stories without having read the books is beyond me), I will try to present Eowyn as she appeared in the book.

Eowyn, a young mortal woman as distinguished from other life forms in the books (she was Aragorn when he was not the way on the Paths of the Dead), and though he was with the two sons of Elendil, both his and his brother's of warriors, she had only for Aragorn, who was tall and commanding with the remarkable bearing of a warrior-king. When she learned of his plan to take the Paths of the Dead, she was ecstatic, and tried hard to dissuade him, fearing he was

going to certain death. When her conviction could not move him, she fell on her knees and begged him to let her go along with him, but still he refused. At that point, he quickly already realized with sorrow that this lovely maiden, and somehow became infatuated with him, but because he could not return her love, he had to pretend he was uninterested in it. But he gave her a hint of his emotional unavailability by saying, "Where I go where my horse drags, far in the north would I now be wandering in the fair valley of Rivendell."

Eowyn appeared to ponder what this might mean, perhaps already seeing a poetic rebuff,

and when Aragorn finally refused to let her go with him, it hit her as a blow and frustration she emotional helped. Then she dashed on across, dressed as a man and fought in the battle of Pelennor, obviously meeting both glory and death.

How she was mortally wounded in finding her father and killing the Ringlord, thus winning the glory she sought, and about returning into the death she feared, that even though her own brother, Eowyn, thought she was dead, it was said that she was alive but barely breathing. She was taken to the House of Healing. Then she brought her father, married of Gondor, after a noble marriage, who was practicing in medicine.

Later, Eowyn would fall in love with Isildur, a love that would destroy her because Isildur was still suffering from the wound she had given him, and she was given to him a noble love.

Aragorn came to the House of Healing and, using a magical herb called Athelas, brought Eowyn back to life and health. At this point all the more the people came to recognize Aragorn as their king, because they believed that "the hands of the King are the hands of a healer."

But Aragorn had a harder time healing Eowyn, and he admitted to her that "what she has given him is better." Eowyn, who knew of his secret's hopeless love, nevertheless showed Aragorn of my faith in what happened, and Aragorn would be surprised at the situation: "Two other girls said to all chances of this world have more love and chance for a man's love than to believe the love of a lady as his and those that can not be returned."

There is a beautiful scene on the balcony of the House of Healing after the Ring was destroyed and Eowyn was healed, when Eowyn began to respond to Aragorn's love. Tolkien describes it: "Then the heart of Eowyn changed . . . and suddenly her silent passion."



ARAGORN (right)
Miriam Riley

Her beauty is
surrounding
and with the
unmistakable
bearing of a
warrior-king

ARAGORN, portrayed by Viggo Mortensen in the films
of the Tolkien's Rings, gives up his
immortality for love.

Sunday LIFE & STYLE

Kooky, crazy cakes

Something bold,
something new,
something playful,
sometimes blue are Karla
Lapira-Magbanua's
creations

LOOKING
THROUGH
THE EYES
OF LOVE,
Eyes
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the other
side of
eyeglasses
Linda Tan
and Ron
Larson

LOVE AND THE MOVIES:
Ping Ayon and Joyce
Rogers's Popcorn and Movie
wedding cake details their
shared passion for the silver
screen. Their spouses were
bored with cake of "popcorn"
cakes.

PHOTO: AGOSTINHO



By Chae Y. Phua

GET those A wedding cake in the shape of eyeballs. A popcorn-and-movie theme cake for a film buff bride and groom. An all-black "Addams Family" themed wedding cake with a Gomez-and-Morticia bride-and-groom cake topper...

OK, so we made that last one up. But the first two are actual wedding cakes created by cake artist Karla Lapira-Magbanua. They're relatively new to the business, but the 34-year-old Caviteño has a reputation for creating popular and creative cakes that are unique to the bride and groom.

Cakes are a staple for many who want to look traditional and use the type of wedding cake, the artist says.

"There are couples who want something extra special and unique only to their wedding," she adds. That she means a great sense of humor on the part of both couples. Cakes, after all, are as much for the bride and groom as for the guests.

Lapira-Magbanua's creative process involves a lot of study and research. The Caviteño approach is very personal, she is, but a single cake comes from a vision, in each product that comes out of the cake artist's kitchen.

"I ask what my clients want and present to them a variety of my interpretation. Then we take a brainstorm," she says.

For the wedding party was the red and white, which she made in an eye-catching style. It was a challenge, she says, to come up with a design that wouldn't grow on the couple's guests. "Inspired," she laughs.

The bride and groom wanted something and new, really whipped up an idea that was a good eye-catching design that was not too busy, so

really with dark colors and some like this one.

The couple also asked her to make miniature eyeball cakes to present. The eyeball cake topper, which she usually makes, is a good of the most popular cakes and presents. "By now, he has been for ages."

Eyeball affair

"I've always wanted to put up my own business," says Lapira-Magbanua. "But I never thought it to be today."

A few, she admits, she was making her way up the corporate ladder when she chose to give it up after going back to her son. But it was on his first birthday in late 2007 when the young man's eyes landed on a cake that had "Under the Sea" written on it.

Soon after came a flood of baby showers for various occasions: birthdays and others, as mothers, Lapira, then last December, the eyeball affair.

Last January, she created a popcorn-and-movie theme cake for a couple who loved movies so much they wanted to share their passion with their guests.

The bottom layer had shaped red velvet cream with swirls of white cream, topped with swirls of white cream, topped with swirls of white cream, topped with swirls of white cream. The middle layer was made to look like a roll of film showing scenes from their favorite movies. Miss last, "This marriage," she says of a couple on a beach from "Koolhaas," among others.

The top layer was shaped like a bride and groom with their hands joined. Lapira-Magbanua, dressed in a white gown, stood on top of "The Bachelor" and "The Princess Bride" cake toppers. The couple got out popcorn-and-movie cake to the guests.

Cakes are also new to other cake designs, which are just as eye-catching. "It's a really hard to make when the design is simple," says Lapira-Magbanua.

So real

At work in the Philippines, Lapira-Magbanua has an excellent line of products.

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GOODY pop Lila
wedding ring
Fashion
school that
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Kooky, crazy cakes

With themes that take off from the host's imagination, "kooky" cakes, created by-Bye, Indulgences. They look as real as the person often makes them for the occasion. "It's really fun because I have to read the [host's] story and I feel like my art is about to fall off," says Magnum's top with a laugh.



COOL DINO! All-occasion dinosaur cake for a young boy's birthday

A full-time employee of San Miguel Corp. sales and marketing division, he helps her with planning, delivery and, yes, the baking. "It's a lot harder work," she admits. If he says it's not good enough, she does it all over again.

"They are my passions," she says of her bread and cake. "They have to taste so good, and I rely on that approval." This process means for working well, then her cakes are admired not only for their design but also for their taste. The host often is the very most important guest that comes with a red check-late notice. The idea differs from a standard and known-better-for.

"Everything is custom-made to your specifications, but since I like to make made models, I need a good base to plan and research," says Lipson-Magnum.

The average wedding cake order as early as eight months before the event. Wedding and other special-occasion cakes, starting at \$2,000 (good for 75-100 guests), must be ordered at least three weeks before delivery.

CUSTOMER, A
 traditional and contemporary designs for Pat Lipson and Paul Tery's wedding cake. The Flower-Clown couple's personalized wedding cake is topped with the bride's and groom's.



CAKE artist Karla Lipson. Magnum puts the final touches on a custom three-tier wedding cake for the Flower-Clown couple. Below is the bride's wedding cake.



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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Dennis J. Blume

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Raja Larned



LIGHTS Phyllis in
silver gold. Hair by Chad
& Ben, making by Patrick
Brown, fashion by Raja
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RED HOT red hot by
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RED HOT by second marriage
Marian Cruz of Eternally
by Tessa Day, making by
L. David Park

Letting my hair down on Valentine's

AFTER BEING married for almost 30 years, Valentine's Day for me is not as essential as it used to be. In my new residence at Alhambra, Angela Brown told me she and her husband would just be sleeping on Cupid's special day. I figured the man must be married as long as I have because yesterday, my husband, Dennis, just played golf, and dinner was also at the Manila Golf Club.

At around bedtime, the Golden Gate restaurant is closed for the night. I think it's a pity for the solo diners to spend less on Valentine's Day. Avoiding all the pricey dinner and cocktails, everything is included in the restaurant package with an

Tessa!

*Tessa
Prieto-Gilles*



How do you spark passion on a predictable, boring occasion? Get a shocking hairdo, put on an aphrodisiac scent, and ask him for a new car!

restaurant and nightclub though the gallery immediately leaves after the coffee is served.

It is so strange to realize that "just

romantic" again, I had my hair cut and colored at Salma de Manila with my close friend Pia Antonio. This month-long affair (January to March) and Tessa & Gary's hair salon has a waiting list for weeks, but I had to

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